REMARKS

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-13 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a/e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,052,531 ("Waldin"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Waldin as understood by applicant discloses incremental update patches that contain information necessary to transform one version of an application to another version. Waldin, however, does not disclose or suggest every element claimed in independent claims 1, 9, 15 and 18. For instance, Waldin does not disclose or suggest at least, "generation instructions (8)" that were used by the first software archive generator, the same generation instructions that are used by the second software archive generator to combine the difference code with the first signed piece of code to generate the second signed piece of code. Rather, Waldin at best discloses binary patch files that are applied to the application to be updated. As would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the technology, binary patching is a technique for incrementally updating software in which the bits of the software that are different in a new version of the software are changed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Waldin does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in Applicants' independent claim 1 as Waldin fails to disclose or suggest a computer-implemented method for a software provider of enabling a software-acquiring entity to arrive from an existent first signed piece of code executable on a machine at a second signed piece of code executable on the machine, where both pieces of code have been generated by use of a first software archive generator under use of generation instructions. The method includes providing to the software-acquiring entity a difference code, where the difference code includes the steps necessary to arrive from the first signed piece of code at the second signed piece of code, where the difference code is usable at the software-acquiring entity.

The method further includes combining the difference code with the first signed piece of code by a second software archive generator to generate the second signed piece of code, whereby the second software archive generator is fed with those generation instructions that were used by the first software archive generator for the generation of both pieces of code.

Independent claims 9, 15, and 18 recite similar features as claim 1, and therefore are not anticipated by Waldin for at least the reasons discussed in connection with independent claim 1. Claims 2-8, 10-13, 16-17, and 19 which depend directly from the independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 18, incorporate all of the limitations the corresponding independent claims and are therefore also not anticipated by Waldin for at least those reasons provided for claims 1, 9, 15, and 18.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of all pending claims in due course.

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